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AS OF JUNE 30th, 1916.

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KENTUCKY

Chart No. 1
Place No. 1

The Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad Company is a corporation created under the Laws of Kentucky by Articles of Incorporation dated March 14, 1912. Which were lodged for record March 18th, 1912 in the Office of the Clerk of Boyd County Court of the State of Kentucky and recorded in A of I Book No. 3 page 544.

The object for which the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad Company was formed, and the nature of the business, and the objects and purposes proposed to be transacted, promoted and carried on, by it were to own, acquire, construct, operate and maintain a railroad in the State of Kentucky and elsewhere, and especially from a point in or near the town of Williamson, in the County of Mingo, in the State of West Virginia, and extending into or through the County of Pike, in the State of Kentucky, following the Valley of Pond Creek up to the mouth of Pinson Creek and thence continuing up and along Pond Creek to a point in said County of Pike about eleven miles from the point of beginning, and the length of the proposed line, as near as may be, is about eleven miles.

A copy of the Articles of Incorporation endorsed and certified by the Clerk of the Boyd County (Kentucky) Court was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Kentucky at Frankfort Kentucky on March 19th 1912 whereupon the Secretary of State of Kentucky certified under date of March 19th 1912 that the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad Company was authorized to transact business in that State subject to the restrictions imposed by law.

On March 19th 1912 the Secretary of the Kentucky Railroad Commission issued his Certificate that the Williamson

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and Pond Creek Railroad Company whose Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Kentucky March 19th 1912 incorporating the Company as a domestic corporation had that day filed in the Office of the Kentucky Railroad Commission a true and correct copy of said Articles of Incorporation the same being certified to by the Secretary of State of Kentucky.

It filed on April 19, 1912, in the office of the Secretary of State of Kentucky

(*a*) A certificate dated April 15th, 1912, accepting the provisions of the Constitution of Kentucky &c., and—

(*b*) A Notice or Statement also dated April 15, 1912, naming Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky, as its principal office, and W. A. Ginn of Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky, as the agent upon whom process may be served, etc.;

It executed its Power of Attorney also dated April 15th, 1912, to W. A. Ginn of Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky, appointing him its agent, upon whom service of process may be had, to which was added the acknowledgment of Mr. Ginn that he received the original Power of Attorney and that the office of the Company had been established at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.

It filed on April 26th, 1912, a map and profile of its line of railroad, etc., with statement or certificate attached dated April 24th, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pike County, at Pikeville, Kentucky—the said statement or certificate having been recorded in that office on that date in "Miscellaneous Instruments" No. 4 page 588.

WEST VIRGINIA

It filed on the 1st day of June, 1912, and recorded therein in Book 81, page 69, in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia the following:—

(*a*) Application and Preliminary Report dated May 29, 1912, upon which was based the license tax;

(*b*) Certificate of the Company dated May 21, 1912, embodying the resolution of the Company of that date as to filing a copy of its Articles of Incorporation etc., and accepting the provisions of section 30, chapter 54 of the Code, and agreeing to be governed thereby &c.

(*c*) Articles of Incorporation of the Company to which is attached a certificate of the Railroad Commission of Kentucky as to filing a copy in that office, and also a certificate as to its being a true and correct copy as filed;

(*d*) Copy of the certificate of the Secretary of State of Kentucky dated March 19, 1912, certifying that the Company is now authorized to transact business in Kentucky subject to the restrictions imposed by law;

(*e*) Copy of the Act of Congress of May 11, 1912, authorizing the Company to construct a bridge across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River;

(*f*) Certificate of the Company under date of May 21st, certifying as to the aforementioned papers being true and correct copies of the originals;

upon which was issued a certificate of the Secretary of State of West Virginia dated June 1st, 1912, as to the above mentioned Application, Certificates, etc., having been filed in his office on that day and that by filing those papers the Company is authorized "to hold property and transact business in the State of West Virginia, as appears from the records of said office." The original Certificate of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, dated June 1, 1912, was recorded in said office on June 1, 1912, in Book No. 81, page 69.

It also filed in said office on June 1st, 1912, report dated May 28th, 1912, giving the names and addresses of the President and Secretary of the Company and as to the post-office of the principal office; and on the same day a Map and Profile of its Main Line and Branches with statement or certificate dated May 20th, 1912, upon which the Secretary of State of West Virginia issued his certificate of June 1st, 1912, as to the said filing.

It filed on June 6, 1912, in the office of the Auditor of West Virginia a Power of Attorney dated June 4, 1912, to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia, upon whom service of process may be had.

It filed for record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Mingo County, West Virginia, the said certificate of the Secretary of State of West Virginia of June 1st, 1912, which was recorded therein on June 1st, 1912, in D. B. 27, page 126, and also the Certificate of the President of the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad Company dated May 21st 1912 to which was attached:

(*a*) Certified copy of Articles of Incorporation, &c. certified to by the Secretary of the Railroad Commission of Kentucky.

(*b*) Certificate of the Secretary of State of Kentucky of March

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19th, 1912, certified as to it being a true copy &c. by the President of the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad Company.

(*c*) Act of Congress of May 11th, 1912 authorizing the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad Company to construct a bridge across Tug Forg and Big Sandy River.

which was recorded therein on June 11th 1912 in Deed Book 27, page 120.

It also filed in said office on June 5th 1912, a map and profile of its main line and branches with statement or certificate dated .

UNITED STATES

It filed its application etc., dated June 5th, 1912, (to which was attached certified copies of the Articles of Incorporation and certain resolutions, certificates, etc., set out in detail in the application) to the Secretary of War for the approval of the plans for the bridge across Tug River to connect its line of railroad with the line of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved May 11, 1912, entitled *"An Act to authorize the Williamson & Pond Creek Railroad Company to construct a bridge across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River at or near Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia,"* upon which was issued the certificate of approval of the Secretary of War of June 7th, 1912, approving the plans, etc., for the construction of the bridge under the said Act of Congress approved May 11, 1912.

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Surveys for the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad were started at the beginning of 1912, and during that year it undertook the construction of the line from the junction with the Norfolk and Western Railway in the eastern part of Williamson, Mingo County, West Va., Norfolk M. P. 469.09, the initial point of the Williamson and Pond Creek Railroad; thence across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River into Pike County, Ky., at the Mouth of Pond Creek; thence up Pond Creek, a distance of 12.06 miles, with branches up Blackberry Creek and Pinson Fork. The grading was put under contract April 30, 1912, and in December 1912 the

line was partially operated. On June 30, 1913, the mileage operated was

Main Line..... 12.06 miles.
Branches ..... 3.33 "

Work progressed very actively upon the construction of sidings at the various coal operations until June 30, 1914. The mileage operated of this line June 30, 1916, was as follows:—

| | Main Line | Branches | Sidings |
|---|---|---|---|
| West Virginia, ..... | 0.13 | 0 | 0 |
| Kentucky, ..... | 11.93 | 3.33 | 16.53 |
| Total, ..... | 12.06 | 3.33 | 16.53 |

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The grading and masonry was constructed by W. W. Boxley & Co. under contract dated April 30, 1912. Bridge superstructure was constructed by the Virginia Bridge and Iron Co., under contract dated June 26, 1912. The Mullins Fork Spur was constructed under contract with S. Walton & Co., June 24, 1913; Sharon Spur under contract with S. Walton & Co., dated September 8, 1913; and Leckie Spur under contract with H. M. Waugh, dated May 14, 1915.

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YARD, STATION AND OTHER FACILITIES OF THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY USED JOINTLY BY THAT COMPANY AND THE WILLIAMSON AND POND CREEK RAILROAD COMPANY.

| Date W. & P. C. R. R. Co. began to use | Term | Termini | State | Mileage of Road |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 1, 1912..... | Indefinite..... | Williamson Sta. & Yard Facilities.. | W. Va.. | 0.50 |

# CORPORATE HISTORY CHART OF WILLIAMSON AND POND CREEK RAILROAD COMPANY AS OF JUNE 30, 1916.

**No. 1**

WILLIAMSON AND POND CREEK RAILROAD COMPANY
Incorporated—Kentucky—under Articles dated March 14, 1912

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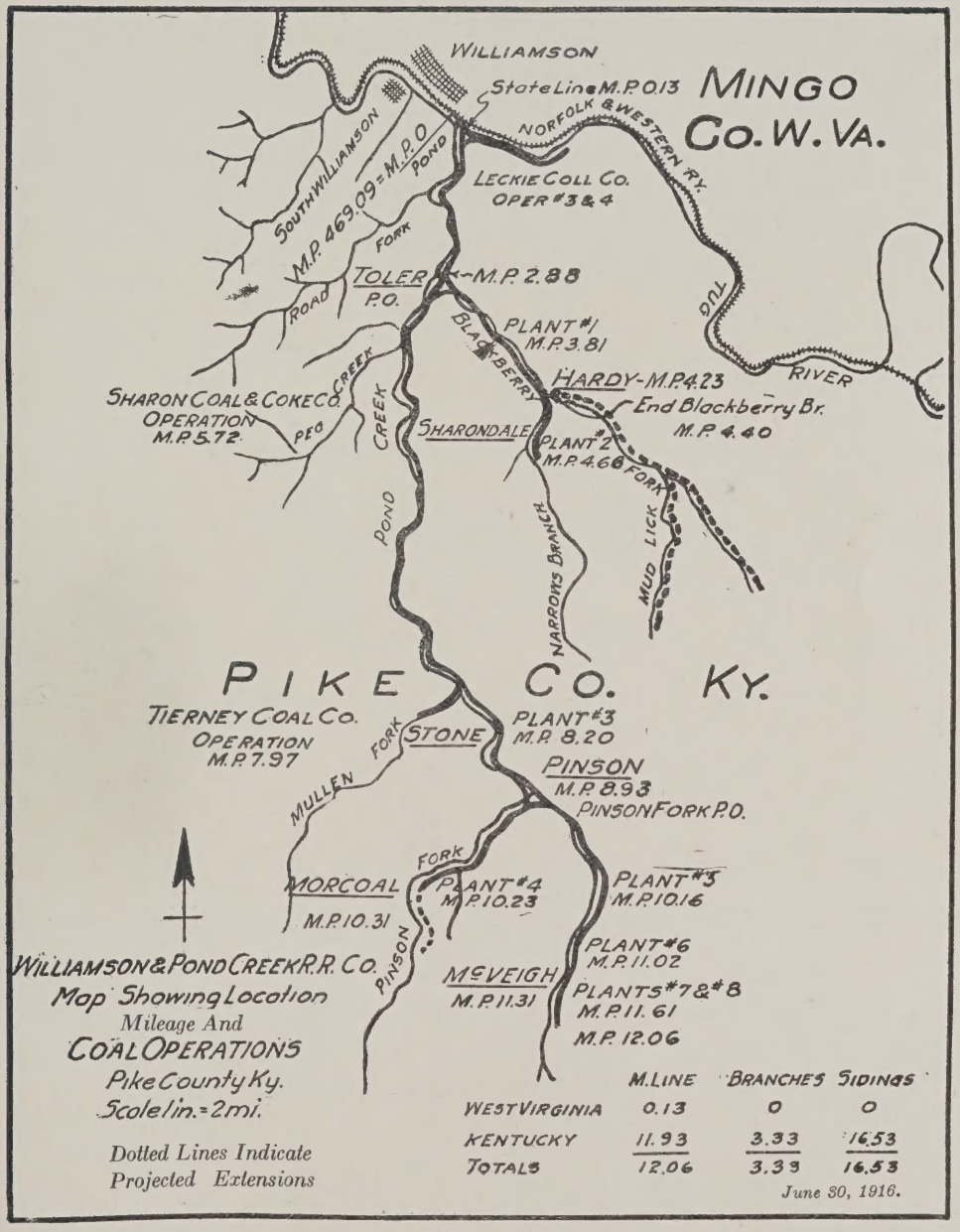


WILLIAMSON & POND CREEK R.R. CO.
Map Showing Location
Mileage And
COAL OPERATIONS
Pike County Ky.
Scale 1 in. = 2 mi.

*Dotted Lines Indicate Projected Extensions*

| | M. Line | Branches | Sidings |
|---|---|---|---|
| West Virginia | 0.13 | 0 | 0 |
| Kentucky | 11.93 | 3.33 | 16.53 |
| Totals | 12.06 | 3.33 | 16.53 |

June 30, 1916.

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